

Council Chambers
Monongahela, PA
February 8, 2017

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Monongahela, due notice of which meeting was published according to law, held Wednesday February 8, 2017 at 7 P.M. in Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kepics who led in the pledge to the flag.

The roll was called and the following present:

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Public Forum:

Chad DeSantis, Lawton Street, asked the status of his previous request to have a safe space for parking for transactions such as internet sales or child custody transactions. He said the cost would be nothing except for two small signs which he said the Neighborhood Watch would pay for them. Chief Tempest said the parking lot is already under surveillance and is used for child custody exchanges.

Joanne Thralls, owner of property at 1010 Try Street, told council the house needs a new roof and asked to put a dumpster in the alley for the roofers. She said she was originally approved to do this but a week later she received a call telling her she couldn't. Mayor Kepics said he looked at the situation with Chief Tempest and where she wanted the dumpster, there were high tension wires. Ms. Thralls said she would have the wires removed. The Mayor said for her to discuss it further with the Code Enforcement Officer.

Michelle Parnell, 31 Decker Street, on behalf of the Monongahela Library, she announced there would be a spaghetti dinner on March 6 at the New Eagle Social Hall, tickets are now for sale with the proceeds to replace the lights in the library and the seedling program will be beginning.

Agnes Barger, 711 Parkway, was present to discuss the water problem when it rains. Street Foreman Mark Gadd said the drain does not belong to the city but belongs to the individual who owns Peno's. Since it is causing problems to her property she was advised to contact the property owner.

George Eckert, said he was the new president of MARC and they are looking to get back in the Mon Valley Initiative. He outlined their future activities for an antique appraisal in May, the Pooch Parade in May, the annual town hall meeting, a 5K race September 30 and a forthcoming candidates night for council.

Terry Necciai, 400 Meade Street, stated to council that in regard to the sale of the armory, he feels there should be a reversion clause in place should the usage change.

Sarah O'Brien, Second Avenue, gave an accounting of the many Right-to-Know requests that have been presented to the city over the past year. She said these requests are costing the city money for legal fees as well as the time needed by city employees to respond.

Ramona Mentzer, Sampson Street, informed council the Monongahela Historical Society Anniversary Committee has been meeting since last year in preparation of the July 19-28, 2019 celebration. She outlined their plans and invited those interested to attend their next meeting on February 28.

Report of City Clerk:

Police Report

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, the Police Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Code Enforcement Report

It was recommended and so moved by Councilman Veliky, seconded by Councilman Miller, the Code Enforcement Report be approved, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Report of Mayor Kepics:

Asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of January 11, 2017. There being none, the minutes were approved.

Mayor Kepics said the sale of the Armory will be tabled until next month and reminded dog owners to pick up after their dogs.

Report of Accounts & Finance:

Councilman Caudill told council members that even though the city is only into the second month of the year, they are being cautioned to watch their spending.

Report of Public Safety:

Councilman Veliky had no report but introduced our City Treasurer Greg Garry.

Report of Streets & Improvements: None

Report of Parks & Property: None

Report of Solicitor Bassi:

Solicitor Bassi said he met with Code Enforcement Officer Les Pemberton to review the medical marijuana laws. There are two types of licenses. One is for a dispensary and the other for production. According to the state act, certain restrictions are imposed but cannot prohibit the activity as long as it is done within the confines of the act. The procedure for the city to follow to amend the zoning ordinance would be for the planning commission to meet and make their recommendations to council.

It was recommended and so moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Caudill, all properly and approved bills be paid and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

It was moved by Mayor Kepics, seconded by Councilman Miller, council adjourn, and the same was agreed to by the following Yea and Nay vote to the call of the roll by the Clerk:

Yeas

Bob Kepics
Tom Caudill
Al Veliky
Ken Kulak
Daryl Miller

Total Yeas 5
Nays 0

The motion having received the majority vote of Council the same was declared carried by Mayor Kepics and so ordered.

Mayor Kepics then declared council adjourned.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk